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SUBJECT: GOI AMBASSADOR TO KOREA SARWO EDHIE PROMOTED

TO LT. GENERAL

1. SOMEWHAT PUZZLING ADDITION TO RECENT GOI MILITARY PROMOTION LISTS CAME IN ANNOUNCEMENT OCT. 3 THAT MAJOR GENERAL SARWO EDHIE WIBOWO, FORMER COMMANDANT OF MAGELANG MILITARY ACADEMY AND SINCE MARCH 1974 IN POLITE EXILE AS AMBASSADOR TO KOREA PROMOTED TO LT. GENERAL. EDHIE IS OUTSPOKEN AND COLORFUL FORMER COMMANDER OF INDONESIAN SPECIAL FORCES WHO WAS KEY LIAISON BETWEEN SUHARTO AND STUDENTS DURING ANTI-SUKARNO MANEUVERINGS IN POST-1965 COUP PERIOD BUT LOST FAVOR THEREAFTER DUE TO OBVIOUS AMBITION, CHARISMA (PARTICULARLY VIS-A-VIS YOUTH), REPUTATION FO CLEAN LIVING AND LACK OF DEFERENCE TO SENSITVIITES OF OTHER SENIOR OFFICERS. EDHIE ACCEPTED KOREA POSTING QUIETLY, APPARENTLY IN HOPES OF EARNING HIS WASY BACK INTO FAVOR IN JAKARTA -- SUHARTO REPOREDLY TOLD HIM THAT TIME MIGHT COME WHEN SOMEONE OF HIS CHARACTER AND ABILITIES WOULD BE BADLY NEEDED AT HIGH LEVELS. WE HAVE NO INDICAION THAT GOI BELIEVES UUCH A TIME HAS COME OR THAT EDHIE'S POSITION HAS IMPROVED, BUT
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WHETHER PROMOTION REPRESENTS RETROACTIVE REWARD FOR PAST

SERVICES, SOP TO KEEP EDHIE QUIET (AND IN SEOUL). OR
REFLECTS MORE SIGNIFICANT DEVELOPMENTS IN MILITARY
POLITICS AS YET UNCLEAR.

2. FOR SEOUL: ANY COMMENTS FROM EDHIE CONCERNING HIS
THIRD STAR WOULD BE OF INTEREST.
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